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9. [redacted] Don Henderson, on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called concerning an article in NEWSWEEK magazine of 22 April on the subject of foreign student exchanges. Mr. Henderson considers the article somewhat of a "mish mash" having some good and some bad parts. He was particularly interested in a statement indicating that some educators deplored the fact that CIA was monitoring the selection process insofar as foreign students were concerned. Mr. Henderson said he assumed the Agency would be asked for security checks and that type of thing but also assumed that the Agency would not otherwise be involved. (He made reference to strong feelings on the part of Senator Fulbright in this regard.) NEWSWEEK has invited Senator Fulbright to comment on this article if he wishes. Aside from this article, Henderson sees nothing which would warrant a comment from the Senator. He asked if I would check into this.

After talking with Colonel Grogan on this subject, I advised Henderson that the allegations in this article were not true but as he knew the Agency did not become publicly involved in matters of this sort. However, I called his attention to the fact that Mr. Lucius Battle, of State Department, has written NEWSWEEK denying that CIA is involved and this has been printed in the current issue of NEWSWEEK. Henderson thanked me for this information and said under the circumstances he saw no reason for the Senator to become involved.

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